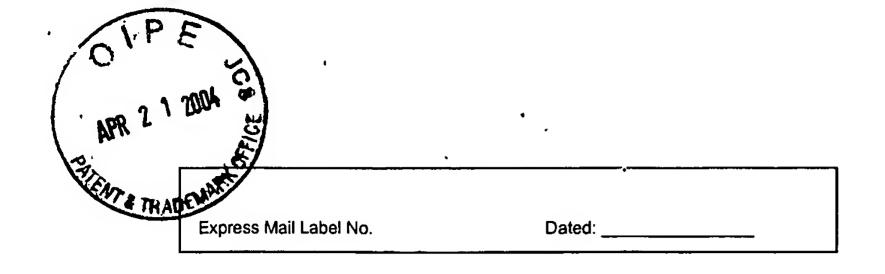


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## AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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## INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated January 21, 2004, please enter the following amendments and consider the accompanying remarks. It is believed that no extension of time is required and that no fees are owed for this submission. However, Applicants respectfully request that, should the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determine that any Extension of Time is required, the Commissioner consider this document as a Petition for the appropriate Extension(s) of Time and that the necessary Extension(s) of Time be granted. An Amendment Transmittal form is also submitted herewith, requesting and authorizing the Commissioner to charge any fee(s) required for this application and to credit any refund due to our Deposit Account No. 04-0100.

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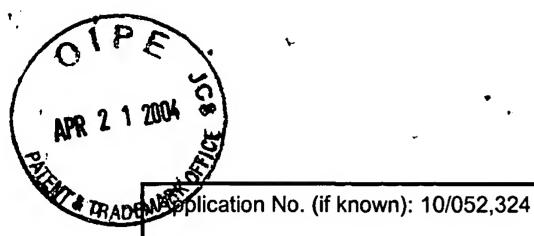
Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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